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W. P. Traylor, formerly manager of Traylor Bros., has accepted a position with George E. Darsey.

Five Car Loads Of Hogs Shipped From Grapeland

The biggest shipment of hogs ever leaving Grapeland at one time was five cars shipped Saturday by George Calhoun to the Ft. Worth market. The hogs were all fine ones and should bring the top price. This has been an exceptional year for hogs. In the first place, our farmers are breeding a better variety. A good feed crop was produced last year, the mast was something extra and the price has been the best ever known. Those who raised hogs last year realized a nice profit on them, which will be an incentive to raise more the coming year.

Local News Reported From The County Seat

January 29.—County Clerk A. E. Owens was a Creek visitor Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Morgan of Kennard spent the early part of last week with their son, District Clerk, John D. Morgan.

J. F. Bell, tried at the special term of the District Court last summer and given a life sentence for the killing of J. T. Dawes, and whose case was recently affirmed by the Court of Criminal Appeals at Austin, was carried to the penitentiary at Huntsville Friday evening by the Transfer Agent. He had nothing to say except "I want to go."

Messrs. J. R. Connor and G. M. Mahoney of Ratcliff, R. H. Gallant, Walter Rains and W. F. Melton of Kennard, T. D. Zachery, Mote Walton, John James, Jim Sullivan and Dock Weisinger of Grapeland, were among the many visitors to Crockett the past week interviewing Tax Collector Butler.

The funeral of J. E. Downes, aged seventy one years, was held from the Methodist church Saturday evening, Rev. C. U. McLarty officiating. Mr. Downes had been in ill health for several months, but his death, attributable to heart failure, was not expected. He was for many years in the mercantile business in this city, retiring some time ago, when he went to Dallas to live with his son. He always took an interest in national, state and county politics, and everything that he believed to be for the good of his country. The local camp of Confederate Veterans, of which he was a member, held memorial services prior to the funeral and attended in a body. He was prominent in social and religious circles and was well known over the state. He leaves surviving him, two sons, Dr. Will Downes of

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New York City and J. F. Downes of Dallas.

From January 1, 1916 to Jan. 1, 1917, there were filed in the office of the County Clerk, 5169 chattel mortgages, 326 real estate mortgages, for which very few releases were entered. For 1917, there were filed to noon January 27th, 939 chattel mortgages. During 1916, number of marriage license issued was 315. The records of District Clerk Morgan show that only 68 divorces were granted, 75 per cent of which were colored people.

FOR SALE

I am going out of the saw mill business and have for sale seven or eight tenant houses, which I will sell cheap. You can use the lumber for many things. My mill and all machinery is also for sale. See me for prices if you are interested.

Geo. Shaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Long moved to Augusta last week to make their home. We regret very much to lose these good people.

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUMER, Editor and Owner

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OUR PURPOSE—It is the purpose of the Messenger to record accurately, simply and interestingly the moral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of GrapeLand and Houston county. To aid us in his every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 1, 1917

We will have to invent some other term to apply to the politician of the "peanut" variety, for the peanut is now soaring on higher ground.

In the event of a shortage in gold, we might use eggs as a circulating medium.—GrapeLand Messenger.

Eggs! did you say? Why, eggs are scarcer than gold; in fact, you can't buy eggs with gold—they just "aint," that's all. You certainly had a dream and that of the past.—Forney Messenger.

Wednesday of this week, W. L. West, editor of the Livingston Enterprise, installed an up-to-date typesetting machine, and celebrated the event with a big "blow out" at the Enterprise office. We congratulate the Enterprise upon this achievement and hope the future will be fraught with good things for its editor.

The past year has witnessed many improvements, both in town and in country. On every road leading out from GrapeLand you will find new dwellings, barns, etc., and now that the good roads spirit is taking hold of the people you will see great strides in the future. There is prosperity in the land.—GrapeLand Messenger.

That's the way to talk it; glad to see an optimist in this day of pessimism and grouch. Forney is putting on some building stunts now as well as other improvements.—Forney Messenger.

The East Texas Press Association was formed at Lufkin last Friday, with the following officers: G. E. Watford, Lufkin News, president; T. J. Malloy, Timpson Times, vice-president; W. L. West, Livingston Enterprise, secretary-treasurer. The next meeting will be held in Timpson some time in April.—GrapeLand Messenger.

Every East Texas editor should be in Timpson when the next meeting is called to order. There will be much to discuss and much business to attend to. Will the Messenger man be present? Let "On to Timpson" be the watchword of every newspaper man in this section of the state.—Lufkin News.

Will we? We will!

NOTICE TO FARMERS

All farmers interested in organizing a local farm loan association are requested to meet at the court house Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The necessary blanks for organizing are here, and Mr. J. W. Young of Crockett has promised to be here and discuss the details of organization.

News Items

Gleaned From Rock Hill Country

Jan. 29.—Mr. John Willis' little baby was ill last week, but we learn she is better now.

R. C. Streetman, Lillie Helm and Miss Ola Willis were on the sick list last week.

On account of the sickness there was not a great many people from this community at the society Friday night. But we appreciated the presence of those from other communities, which helped us out. Among the good things rendered was "The Conquered Banner" by Miss Leola Kolb.

Mr. Joe Turner has moved to Mr. A. U. Streetman's and will work for him.

The writer appreciated the description of cheese making as related by Mr. Albert Tyer. We have often wondered about it.

Mr. C. M. Streetman is suffering from a hurt he received when a horse threw him last week. The saddle broke and he fell off and hurt his side.

On account of bad weather we have not had Sunday School regularly. We elected new officers Sunday and are going to liven things up.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Kaiser's baby, as he has lived in this community and we have found him to be a good man.

Some are beginning to stop school as work time is approaching. We hate to see anyone stop school but guess it can't be helped.

Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Streetman visited Mrs. Streetman's parents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Herod visited in this community Friday night and Saturday.

BIDS WANTED

We will receive bids for the erection of a two-story frame building, as per plans and specifications in our hands, acting as a committee for Elberta Camp 2124, W. O. W., of GrapeLand. No bids will be received after 10 o'clock a. m., Monday, February 12, 1917. We reserve the right to reject any and all bids. See us for further particulars.

- C. L. Haltom,
- J. C. Kennedy,
- George Shaver,
- Committee.

OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for their subscription:

- Mal Whitaker, R. L. Pridgen, GrapeLand.
- W. J. Willis, Route 3.
- Walter Newman, Sid Lively, Augusta.
- W. D. Dickey, Percilla.
- C. A. Baber, Elkhart and N. B. Edens, Kerville, by R. L. Pridgen.
- Ed Mosley, Salmon.
- John D. Morgan, R. C. Spinks,
- C. H. Beazey, Crockett.
- Miss Gennie Bush, Palestine.

Mr. and Mrs. Mote Walton returned home Monday morning from Palestine, where they had been to carry their daughter for an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Darsey and baby left Tuesday for Chicago to visit Mrs. Darsey's aunt, Mrs. Ray Weiss. Mr. Darsey will also visit the wholesale markets and purchase goods for his firm.

NEW SPRING GOODS

WE ARE receiving spring goods almost daily, and our shelves are fairly blooming with the many colored fabrics now shown for early wear. The goods this season offer a variety to select from, both as to colors and fabrics. And the good part of it all is you will find the very latest ideas at your door at---
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We have a pretty assortment of middies and muslin underwear.

Silk Dresses

By Monday's express we received a shipment of ladies' evening dresses in silk, crepe de chine, etc. The range of colors is absolutely new and every dress is a good number at its price.

Buster Brown is Coming February 9th

The original Buster Brown and his dog Tige will be at our store Friday, February 9th. We invite the public, and especially the children, to visit our store that day and see these unique characters.

Geo. E. Darsey
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Grapeland Again Selected As Place To Hold Normal

The Houston County Summer Normal will convene in Grapeland about June 1st, for an eight weeks session.

The executive committee met in Crockett Saturday afternoon and selected the place and faculty. Only two places in the county were after the normal—Grapeland and Crockett. Heretofore the normal was given to the highest bidder, but dissatisfaction arose over this plan last year, and the executive committee was given the power to select the place if a \$400 bonus was guaranteed. Grapeland and Crockett both put up the necessary bonus and after due con-

sideration, the committee voted for Grapeland 5 to 1.

The most successful normal ever held in the county was held here in the summer of 1915, and its success was largely due to the splendid co-operation of the people of Grapeland. There is no reason why, the normal this summer should not be the best ever held and will be if every citizen will do his part.

The following faculty was selected: Donald McDonald, Conductor; J. C. Scarbrough, Mr. Anderson, N. A. Gannt, R. L. Eaves and C. T. Sims. Mrs. Archibald will have charge of the primary department.

THE TOWN SLOUCH

By ELLIS M. CLARKE.



Whenever Cy Cawkins Gets Reflective Mis' Cawkins' Industry Is Mighty Comfortin' to Him.

Th' world doesn't care how a man settles down, Nor is it particular when, Providin' he has a repute in th' town Of settlin' up now an' then.

With th' average man Monday is th' weak end of the seven financially.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank our kind friends and neighbors for their help and kindness during the sickness and death of our darling baby. We will ever remember them in our prayers. May God help and bless them all.

Mrs. Sudie Salmon and Eunice Ellison.

Avoid irregularity in the bowel movements; it leads to chronic constipation; a condition that poisons the blood and breeds disease. Prickly Ash Bitters restores regularity and puts the system in order. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

Houston County Tax Payers' Protective Association

(The following article is published by request of the Association's president, Mr. R. C. Spinks)

All who pay taxes, or hope to have anything in the future on which to pay taxes, are earnestly appealed to to join in this movement.

Those who affix their names hereto do so in the aim and purpose of organizing a Tax Payers' Protective Association — those whose holdings, real and personal, are subject to taxation for the support and maintenance of government.

In the organization of this association of tax payers we distinctly and emphatically affirm that the aim and purpose of same is to protect ourselves against the abuse of the taxing power.

Of all functions of government that which comes nearest home to the humblest and the highest is the exercise of the taxing power.

No government can exist and fulfill the ends for which governments are created which do not carry with it the power under wise and judicious limitations to levy, to collect and expend taxes. Such power is an attribute of sovereignty and those who exercise such power should do so with a keen sense of their responsibility to the people by whom it is delegated and from whom it proceeds.

It is the exercise of this power of taxation, its abuse, its perversion and its misapplication of the funds arising therefrom that appeal to the people and stir their ever vigilant watchfulness.

Do the people realize what they are doing when they delegate to five men the attributes of sovereignty—the power to levy, to collect and to disburse funds? Do they realize such power can be abused—has been abused? Knowing such facts is it not all the more incumbent on all true, patriotic citizens to guard the power of taxation and its exercise with jealous scrutiny?

Those associating themselves in a Tax Payers' Protective Association yield to none in public spirit and have been ever ready to contribute by taxation and otherwise to the ends of government and the aspirations of highly organized society, but we are frank to admit, however, much as it may be deplored, that the taxing power has been misused and abused in Houston county. There is a remedy to the tax payer for such misuse and abuse. We frequently see reports to the courts to stay such perversion of the taxing power and those in Houston county who were denied the privilege of voting on certain questions can rest assured that the Tax Payers' Protective Association will not scruple to invoke any remedy available to promote the ends for which we have organized.

Those who have been elected and charged with the responsibility of protecting the people against the abuse of taxing power and the lavish misuse of the funds accruing from same are the ones to whom the people at time look in vain for protection. But they are bonded officials and are responsible to the people for any misuse of the taxing power or any misapplication of funds derived from taxation.

For the purposes and the ends set forth above we associate ourselves to gether, agreeing to use

all legitimate means at our command to protect the tax payers of Houston county from wasteful extravagance.

A further purpose of this association shall be to advise the people fully and at all times of the proceedings of those who are vested with power to expend public moneys that the people may know how much of their property is taken for public purposes, what those purposes are and whether the funds thus expended are warranted by law and public exigencies.

We all know that the resources of Houston county available for promoting public ends are limited, however much we may deplore it, yet recognizing such fact our highest aim and most patriotic endeavor shall be to avail ourselves of all legitimate means to prevent recurrence of certain official acts that have stirred public indignation throughout the county.

DIPPING VATS

A few weeks ago the commissioners court granted aid for the construction of sixteen dipping vats, four in each precinct in the county. One of them is now in course of construction here, just east of town on J. W. Howard's farm, and will be completed this week. One will be built at Daly's next week. Dick Calhoun has the contract for the vats. We presume the others will be built over the county immediately, and in addition many individuals will erect private vats for their own cattle. This means that within two or three years Houston county will be entirely rid of the tick, the quarantine lifted and the farmers will be the gainers thereby from five to ten dollars per head on their cattle.

WHEN YOUR BACK ACHES

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Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!

Grapeland W. O. W. Will Erect Modern Two Story Building

Elberta Camp 2124, W. O. W. Lodge of Grapeland, are asking for bids to erect a two-story frame building.

This building will be situated on the east side of the railroad on a lot purchased several years ago, just south of the livery stable building. It was their intention to erect a brick building, but Kennedy Bros. having purchased the building in which their hall is now located, forces them to get a new home right away and the funds are not sufficient to carry out their original plans. However, the building to be erected will be neat and substantial. The upper story will be fitted up in modern style for a lodge room and furnished with new furniture throughout. The lower story will be suitable for a mercantile establishment.

Preparedness applies to the human body as well as to the nations. A bottle of Prickly Ash Bitters on the shelf at home is the best and cheapest form of preparedness for indigestion, constipation and kidney troubles. It is the dose taken in time that wards off sickness and saves money. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

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WORK DONE BY THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

CONSIDERABLE WORK HAS BEEN DONE BY BOTH BRANCHES OF THE LEGISLATURE TO DATE.

THE SUBMISSION QUESTION

The House to Handle Submission Resolution This Week—Many Bills Have Been Passed, and Many New Measures Await Consideration.

Austin, Tex.—There was no session of the senate Saturday and the house was in session for only about two hours. But during that time the house bill on banking, which prohibits charging more than 6 per cent, was recommended to the banking committee. Several of the representatives who were absent from the city when the bill was brought out of the committee made the fight for its recommitment.

Efforts to recommit the Pope bill correcting weights and measures and classifying farm products was passed to engrossment.

Several bills were postponed, including the Robertson bill increasing the salaries of the higher and district court judges.

The Carlock bill regulating practice in the supreme court was passed to engrossment.

Saturday's Senate Proceedings.

The upper house was not in session Saturday, but committees considered many bills.

Committee on education considered the Westbrook bill, which provides for taking over the East Texas Normal College at Commerce. A subcommittee will redraft the bill.

Saturday's House Proceedings.

The house was in session but two hours and little business was transacted.

No movement was made to set down the submission bill for this Friday, but leaders will take the necessary steps this week.

Bill to increase salaries of deputy county officials in several large counties was passed. The bill originally effected Dallas county, but will be changed to take in Harris and other counties.

Friday's Senate Proceedings.

Pilot commissioners, public weighers and branch pilots for Houston were nominated by the governor.

Governor Ferguson has nominated three regents for the state university. The old ones were not named.

A bill was introduced which provided for the placing of telephone companies under the jurisdiction of the railroad commission.

After an executive session of four hours the senate adjourned without approving the reappointment of Labor Commissioner Woodman. The matter will be taken up again February 2.

Friday's House Proceedings.

The bill providing that after January 1, 1920, all wagons on public roads shall have tires four inches wide was passed.

Bill which would allow the "Buy-It-Made-in-Texas" association and similar organizations to receive contributions from corporations was passed.

The so-called "moochers" bill by Holland of Houston was also passed. This bill will protect candidates from "moochers" during a campaign.

Austin, Tex.—By a vote of 91 to 48 the house Thursday engrossed the Nichols resolution calling for submission of the question of statewide prohibition to the people of Texas. However, 95 votes are necessary to pass finally any constitutional amendment resolution. The vote came after a morning devoted to speeches, with Bagby and Mendell opposing Cope and Spencer for the submissionists.

The proposed submission of the statewide amendment reached the house at 10:50 a. m. and in the first clash of forces the pros drew first blood. Bagby's "bone dry" resolution, designed to replace the original resolution fathered by the pros, was defeated, 46 to 93. Adoption would have required 95 votes.

The bill introduced in the senate Thursday by Senators Bailey, Hudspeth and Lattimore is in regard to the railroad rate situation produced by what is now known as Ponda tariff 2-B, put into effect on November 1 of last year, which to all intents and purposes superseded the rate prescribed under the authority of Texas laws by the railroad commission of Texas, and are materially higher than the rates prescribed by the Texas commission.

The bill was prepared in the attorney general's department, and is designed to compel obedience by the railroads to Texas laws and Texas commission rates until the rates are in an orderly and legal way superseded or set aside.

Tuesday's Senate Proceedings.

Senator Lattimore introduced a bill providing for a state public utilities commission.

Senator Johnston introduced a resolution providing for a raise in the salary of the governor to \$10,000 per year.

E. G. Senter of Waco charged before the senate committee on criminal jurisprudence that a clique of men is trying to destroy certain insurance companies in Texas.

Thursday's Senate Proceedings.

A bill was introduced which would force railroads to obey state laws or forfeit their charters.

A bill by Senator Johnston was introduced providing for an assistant criminal district attorney for Harris county.

Among the important bills reported favorably by committees were the blacklist bill, the Torrens land tax bill and the single tax bill.

Senator Westbrook introduced a resolution directing the comptroller of public accounts to supply itemized statements of all expenditures of every state department for the past two fiscal years.

Thursday's House Proceedings.

The "bone dry" resolution was defeated Thursday morning by a vote of 46 to 93.

By a vote of 91 to 48 the resolution for submission of the question of statewide prohibition was passed to engrossment. Only three members were absent and unless there is a change in the vote the resolution is defeated.

Austin, Tex.—The Thompson, of Hunt, bill amending the Terrell election law in a number of particulars; providing for double primary and majority nomination for all offices, with election day on Tuesday instead of Saturday, was reported favorably Wednesday by house committee on privilege, suffrage and elections. The same committee reported favorable the Beard of Harris bill prohibiting county commissioners redistricting a county within sixty days of an election, and the Davis of Dallas bill providing that whenever practicable voting places be in a school house, fire station or public building.

House common carriers reported unfavorably the Blalock bill limiting the length of trains to 3,000 feet and judiciary reported unfavorably the O'Bannon bill for the investigation by grand juries of orphanages, asylums, convents, hospitals, etc.

A bill against the confiscation of coal by railroads, which is in a measure a compromise between the railroads and the railroad commission, was reported favorably Wednesday by the senate committee on international improvement. There was no opposition to the measure.

A concurrent resolution introduced in the senate Wednesday by Senator Woodward and adopted, was to the effect that the citizens of Stephenville and Erath county propose to donate to the state the buildings and lands of the John Tarlton college, provided the property will be used for the establishment of a junior branch of the A. and M. College at Stephenville. The resolution called for the appointment of a special committee composed of five members of the senate, five members of the house and the governor or his representative, to go to Stephenville and inspect the property by January 30, and to report to the legislature not later than February 3.

Wednesday's Senate Proceedings.

It was decided to enforce rule 92 against lobbying on the floor of the senate.

Went into executive session to consider reappointments made by the governor.

Those interested will be given a hearing by the senate committee having in charge the bill providing for a public service commission.

Senator Johnston introduced a resolution providing for an office building at Austin and carrying an appropriation of \$300,000. The building would house government offices.

The house joint resolution providing for a monument to Sam Houston at Houston and designating March 2 as Sam Houston Memorial Day was adopted. The resolution now goes to the governor for approval.

Wednesday's House Proceedings.

The Obanion bill allowing inspection of all seminaries, convents, monasteries and private institutions in the state was killed in committee.

The committee of health reported favorably the bill asked by Dr. Collins giving \$25,000 the first year and \$45,000 the second year for work over the state by the health board.

The prohibition submission resolution is to be called up Thursday and it is expected it will be passed to engrossment. If a two-thirds majority is not secured, final action will be deferred.

A sentiment seems to be growing in the house for a consolidation of the department of agriculture with the

Agricultural and Mechanical College. A resolution to this effect has been introduced.

Austin, Tex.—The Lattimore resolution providing for an amendment to the constitution prohibiting the manufacture for the purpose of sale, barter or exchange, and the sale, barter or exchange of intoxicating liquors on and after the second Tuesday in January, 1918, within the state, except for medicinal, scientific and sacramental purposes, was reported favorably Tuesday by the senate committee on constitutional amendments.

The same committee also reported without an adverse vote Senator McNealus' resolution calling for a special election on the second Tuesday in November, 1917, to determine whether or not there shall be held a constitutional convention on the second Tuesday in January, 1918, for the purpose of revising the state constitution. The resolution provides also for the election of delegates to that convention at the same time. If the vote should be favorable, the new constitution would be submitted to the people for ratification at the regular election in 1918.

WORKING FOR DEFINITE RESULTS

Much time and money might be saved on the farm if the manager always had something definite in view. Success does not come by accident; it takes purpose and persistence to bring reward. To overcome obstacles and surmount difficulties we must confine our labor to a definite purpose.

Farming perhaps more than any other occupation requires a definite purpose. While some other occupations may be narrow in scope and limited in opportunity, agriculture is broad in its significance and comprehensive in its application to science. For this reason the manager of the farm should be specific and definite.

While one may have a reasonable degree of success with several things there is generally one thing that can be done better than others. This is the age of specialization. Most farmers find that they have a preference for certain crops or animals, although they may practice diversification. Specialization does not mean that the one-crop system is safe or even desirable. It seems that the proverbial suggestion to "live at home" was never more timely than it is today. With increase in the cost of living when it must be bought at the stores should urge raising as much of the living on the farm as can be produced economically. But there should be a specialty around which other divisions may be grouped. A money crop or animals for cash returns will be advisable. In addition to the needs of the family for food the home must be maintained and improved, the children educated and the cultural wants of the members supplied. Here is where the definite aim should be beneficial. —Farm & Ranch.

The baby boy of Mrs. Sudie Salmon died last Thursday, after an illness of several weeks duration. The little fellow was severely burned several weeks ago and later developed a bad case of malaria, which caused death. The Messenger deeply sympathizes with the heart broken mother and children in their bereavement.

For the ailments common among women, such as sick headache, backache, heartburn, nervous weakness and constipation, Prickly Ash Bitters is a splendid remedy. It purifies the bowels, tones the stomach, clears the complexion, sweetens the breath, restores energy and cheerfulness. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.



ON THE FIRST OF THE MONTH

You'll have money to pay all your bills if you open an account at the FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK and deposit all your cash there regularly. You won't fritter away your money the same as you would if you had the cash in your pocket all the time. Lots of men have learned this lesson. Be wise—follow their example.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank
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Practice Limited to Diseases of

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Office Over First National Bank, Crockett, Texas

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HE HAD NOTHING TO WEAR!

So he missed an important engagement. He also missed a stroke of business. He had several fairly good suits but they all needed

CLEANING AND PRESSING

Don't be caught in that predicament When your clothes become soiled and wrinkled from wear BRING THEM TO US. We make them look like and prolong their usefulness.

M. L. CLEWIS TAILOR

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You can not sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the

ONLY COMPLETE UP-TO-DATE ABSTRACT LAND TITLES OF HOUSTON COUNTY

ADAMS & YOUNG
CROCKETT, TEXAS

YOUR NAME

Is it on our subscription list?

We will guarantee you full value

FOR YOUR MONEY

City Barber Shop

Denson & Walton, Props.

Your Business will be Appreciated

Shop on main street, the new brick building, next door to the Guaranty State Bank.

LAUNDRY AGENCY

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

John Spence

Lawyer

Crockett, : : : Texas
Office Upstairs over Monzingo Millinery Store

Spring on the Farms Calls For REPAIRS

Doubtless many Tools and pieces of Machinery were put away last fall needing repairs

Now is the time to have them made. A day's delay later on may mean much delay and vexation to you.

Bring them all to us. Have them thoroughly overhauled and put in good working order before the spring rush opens. You'll have no time then.

We repair anything from a chain link to a tractor.

TEMPERED SHOVEL PLOWS ARE BETTER and LAST LONGER

I have a large stock and guarantee them to give good service. I also have in stock the old fashion GUICE HARROWS.

CAR OF BUGGIES due to arrive in the next thirty days

A. B. GUICE
THE BLACKSMITH

LOCAL NEWS

Rub-my-tism — Antiseptic, relieves rheumatism, sprains, neuralgia, etc.

Blank mortgages for sale at the Messenger office.

Stovall White left Saturday night for Ft. Worth.

Willie Gee was a visitor to Palestine Sunday.

You can get blank mortgages at the Messenger office.

Break your cold or lagrippe with a few doses of 666.

R. C. Spinks of Crockett was a Grapeland visitor Saturday.

Ed Edge transacted business in Crockett Saturday.

George Shaver spent several days this week in Houston, buying goods for his store.

If you are in doubt about where to buy your clothes, come to Clewis with your troubles.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bennett of Weches are visiting J. W. Foreman and family.

Miss Aggie Lee Hamilton of Edgewood is a guest at the home of Dr. W. D. McCarty.

C. H. Beazley of Crockett was here Tuesday transacting business.

John Denny visited relatives in Crockett Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. E. Payne and son of Kosse are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Eaves.

I am in the market for your chickens and eggs. Best and highest prices paid in CASH.

J. J. Brooks.

WANTED

A good, reliable farm hand; will pay good price to right party.

M. E. Bean.

Mrs. Mark Anthony and children left Sunday for Houston to join Mr. Anthony, who has been there some time.

COTTON SEED FOR SALE

Pure big boll Rowden cotton seed. For price see Ford Fewman, Rte. 3.

Mrs. William Alfred Riall has returned from a visit to relatives in Pine Bluff, Ark. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Helen McMurphy.

Quite a number of Grapeland people went to Palestine Monday and Tuesday nights to see the picture, "The Birth of a Nation."

FOR SALE

Good old work mule for sale cheap or will trade for cow and calf.

J. S. Eaves,

Reynard, Texas.

Cook Phone.

BERRY PLANTS FOR SALE

"Macatawa," the very best berry in Texas. Only a few plants left—last call. See or write me your wants. M. L. Williams, Route 4.

J. C. Scarbrough of Augusta and C. T. Sims of this city went to Crockett Saturday afternoon to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Houston County Summer Normal.

Laney Johnston, who lives near Percilla, was kicked on the forehead by a mule last week, while working the road. The fact that the lick was a glancing one is all that saved him. He is recovering from the "jolt" and was able to be in town Saturday.

Sold on their Merits

The NYAL REMEDIES are sold on a positive guarantee of giving satisfactory results or money refunded. Try some of the following:

- Nyal's Stone Root Compound in \$1.00 and 50c sizes, an excellent Kidney and Bladder Remedy
- Nyal's Kidney Pills 50c and 25c sizes
- Nyal's Little Liver Pills 25c--Good
- Nyal's Yellow Pills 25c--Excellent
- Nyal's Catarrhal Balm 25c--gives great relief
- Nyal's Laxicold Tablets 25c--will cure a cold
- Nyal's Corn Remedy--reliable, effective and painless

Besides these, we have many other of the Nyal Remedies and a supply of Toilet Articles, all sold under the above mentioned guarantee.

CALL FOR NYAL'S

The Peoples Drug Store

"Honesty and Quality"

WADE L. SMITH

Plow Time

Is Now at Hand

We Have a Complete Line of:

- Plows, Sprouting and Grub
- Hoes, Hames, Trace Chains,
- Single Trees, in fact, everything you need to work with

Our Grocery Department is complete.

Plenty of the BEST SHOES you ever wore.

Call and see me. Remember-- "Quality is the Thing."

T. S. Kent

QUALITY IS THE THING

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Sheller who comes to our store regularly and makes a specialty of fitting spectacles and eyeglasses will be with us again Feb. 8th. Remember, Dr. Sheller has no "partners" at all and does business through responsible druggists only. With us one day only this trip, Thursday, Feb. 8th. Every pair of glasses guaranteed. Come in and have your eyes examined, always glad to see you.

D. N. Leaverton,

The Druggist,

Grapeland, Texas.

BIDS WANTED

To build two toilets at Hays Spring. Specifications: 5 feet wide, 7 feet long, blind 3 ft. wide, 7 feet high, 9 ft. long, extending 4 ft. at end, brick foundation and covered with cypress shingles. We will receive these bids in Grapeland next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

W. M. Brown,

W. W. Spence,

Daniel Pennington, Trustees.

FOR SALE

One 7 passenger Studebaker car, in first class condition, for sale at a bargain for cash if sold at once. Or will sell for part cash and part on time. See R. T. Kent, or phone No 5, Farmer's Union, Grapeland, Texas.

NOTICE TO HOG RAISERS

I will be shipping hogs every Saturday from now on until the middle of April, and will buy all hogs that are brought in on Saturdays that are in shipping condition. I will pay the highest price the market will allow.

George Calhoun.

FOR SALE

250 egg capacity Imperial Incubator, used only once, good as new. Cost \$21.75, will sell for \$15.00.

Dan Trigg,

Salmon, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Howard jr. have moved to the Royal place west of town.

News Items Reported From Waneta Vicinity

Jan. 29.—We are still having rainy weather.

Mr. Joe E. Edmondson who has been gone the past two weeks, returned home Sunday.

The Rev. Aaron Foster filled his regular appointment at New Hope Saturday and Sunday.

A few of this place attended an entertainment at Augusta Friday night. All report a nice time.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured
with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Cure is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Mrs. Bettie Elkins of Kansas arrived Tuesday for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Lively.

Mr. C. A. Barnes made a business trip to Crockett last week.

Miss Cloie Scarbrough and brother, Earl, of Augusta, were the guests of Miss Eunice Edmondson Sunday.

Mr. J. E. Shoemaker and family were the guests of Mr. Sammons Saturday night and Sunday.

We failed to mention last week that the trustees of this place have been granted \$250 more of the million dollar appropriation.

Mr. Vertice Cooper of near Alto visited relatives from Friday until Sunday.

We hear of no more new cases of measles, although several have been exposed.

Bonnie.

MAIZE HEADS

Have a few tons of maize heads on hand. Those wanting it had better see me right away. Am also in the market for some speckle peas. J. W. Howard.

The Drugs You Buy

- Should Cost You But a Fair Price
- Should be Dispensed Carefully
- Should be of Right Potency
- Should be Fresh
- Should be Pure

Everything in our store is as it should be. You can place the utmost confidence in the quality of our goods, the superiority of our service and the fairness of our prices.

Prescriptions Carefully
-- :: Compounded -- ::

LEAVERTON'S
THE LEADING DRUG STORE

W. R. Durnell Writes Letter On Diversification

Once a wise old sage started the saying: "We live to learn." Another said "Ditto, but we will die and forget it all."

How true, and yet, we sometimes think that the adage was not meant for the man who grows cotton and wholly depends upon same for his money crop.

There may have been a time when we were excusable in practicing the one crop idea, but the time is past.

There was never a more opportune time for a complete revolution in our system of farming than now. The southern farmer is in the best position to become master of his own situation that he has ever been since the cotton became the staple money crop of the south.

We do not have to import agricultural experts and A. & M. professors here to tell us these facts. We can see them; we know them, but the trouble is, we are prone to forget.

No well informed person will deny that cotton is the greatest and most dependable crop the southern farmer has for a money producer. Especially is this true when raised on a moderate scale of production. But we also know how easy it is to go "dead broke" with a big cotton crop and no demand. We have produced two medium crops and are realizing good prices. But is it possible that we as a people, will forget the years of seven and eight cent cotton? We don't have to look a great distance for an answer. It is being written in the valleys, on the plains and in the fence corners of our fair southland. We can never, as a producing people expect to receive the consideration or command the respect from the financial world that other lines of industry now enjoy, as long as we keep ourselves in a position, by overproduction that forces us to accept the other man's offer for our crops and pay his prices for what we buy. It's a known fact that we must have at least one end of the string or we are bested to begin with. We know that the world needs cotton and we know that the world is willing to pay for it. And we also know that the south, for many years to come, must produce the greater part of the world's supply.

With this knowledge to start with and an opportunity to diversify with paying crops we should be able to keep the price up.

There is nearly twice as much money in peanuts at 75c per bushel as there is in cotton at 10c per lb. and seed at \$40 per ton. You don't believe it? Then let figures answer. The Texas average for cotton is something like one fourth bale per acre, and at 10c per lb. and \$40 for seed you have a return of less than \$20. The Texas peanut average was over 40 bu. per acre in 1916 and at 75c per bu. and \$10 per ton for hay you have not less than \$35. It also requires more labor and time to grow cotton than it does peanuts. Both are bad on land when raised as a money crop.

Now listen, we are going to tell you something else that some of you are surely aware of. The people of Grapeland are sleeping upon one of the best and surest propositions we know of as a side line money crop.

It is an admitted fact that we send south for our cabbage, southwest for our onions, to Colorado and California for beans, import our irish potatoes, send to north Texas and Kansas for our flour and what do we in turn send them? Answer: Cotton and "cussings" because everything we buy is so high.

Now the greater part of the Grapeland country is well adapted to the growing of sweet potatoes and the average yield is from two to four hundred bu. per acre. There is no reason why we cannot do as well raising them as other places. There is no reason why our business people could not erect a curing plant and cure and market them as successfully as they do at other places. At Longview alone they have already shipped this season more than one hundred cars of yams. Think of it, and the manager of the company states that they have orders for over fifty cars and are unable to supply the demand. Only a few days ago their agent visited the little city of Elkhart and bought all he could find, paying for the nonprocessed product the sum of sixty cents per bu. in bulk, which is a very poor way to ship potatoes. They are not selling their processed stock, but hold them until the market will take them at \$1.25. Why can't we get some of this potato money? Why not send our northern brother some sweet potatoes and help to pay for the irish spuds and "yankee" bacon you like so well? And they are legal tender as an asset to get ready money. One hundred bushels in a bonded warehouse will be taken as security for as much as fifty dollars. But we don't want to borrow money on them. What we believe is that if some public spirited man with the means will take hold of the proposition and build a curing plant that will take care of the product we can build up a good trade along this line. It will require co-operation on the part of all. A uniform potato will have to be grown; they will have to be assorted and all of one size kept together. They will also have to be put in bushel baskets. All of this costs something but it pays.

In conclusion we wish to say that we will welcome the day when the people of our country awakened to the fact that to be independent people we must live at home and that within our means, and we believe to successfully do this we shall have to abandon the one crop idea, plant more peanuts, more potatoes, cane, corn and hogs. Then we can sing the old familiar air: "Hog jowl, corn bread, butter milk and good old turnip greens."

W. R. Durnell.

Bob Scarbrough has accepted a position with N. J. Davis at the Cash Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ellis of Crockett spent Sunday here with relatives.

S. E. Traylor, formerly of Traylor Bros., has accepted a position with Kennedy Bros.

Rev. B. C. Ansley spent several days in Houston this week, attending the missionary and evangelistic meeting of the M. E. church.

Smith Bros., road contractors, are now working on the Augusta road a mile east of town. Work was begun Monday on the street on the east side and will intersect the Augusta and San Pedro roads. This work is being done by private parties.

OF COURSE!

Of course you want to trade where you are able to make your bill complete. That is why you will want to supply your wants at Kennedy Brothers, for here you will always find what you want and at the right price.

Of course you want your new dress for spring to be the correct goods, and of course, you know that you will get it at Kennedy Bros. and rest assured that it is correct.

You Will Find Any Item in Our Store

Priced so that you will be able to save money by buying it from us.

We want to say that the styles for men, young men, ladies and children will be the latest to be had from any market, as we buy from the largest markets in the world and always try to get the newest things to be had.

**SEE US FOR WHAT
YOU WANT AND YOU
WILL GET THE BEST**

KENNEDY BROTHERS

The Store for Everybody

NOTICE TO FARMERS

This Spring weather demands work tools and farm implements. This store is prepared to handle your business in a satisfactory way this year as in the past. We sell a reputable line of all kinds of farming implements, plow points, plow gear, bridles, collars, leather harness, trace chains, etc. You can find anything you need in the farming line from a No. 1 Kelley bolt to a riding cultivator. We are al-

ways in the market for your produce and pay top prices for chickens, eggs, hides, beeswax, etc. Bring us what you have to sell. George E. Darsey.

W. H. M. ELECT OFFICERS

The W. H. M. Society held their regular meeting at the church Tuesday afternoon and elected the following officers: Mrs. Eleanor Kennedy, Pres.; Mrs. W. H. Holcomb, 1st Vice-

Pres.; Miss Jewel Taylor, 2nd. Vice-Pres.; Mrs. S. N. Boykin, Treas.; Mrs. A. H. Luker, Sec'y. and Reporter; Mrs. Byron Maxwell, Agent for The Voice.

Mrs. Byron Maxwell will entertain the society the second Tuesday in Feb. Reporter.

MAGIC STOCK FOOD

We have a large stock of Magic Stock and Poultry food. Good for hogs, cows, horses and chickens. See us if you need any. Cash Grocery Co.